



Senate Bill 1833
TRS-CTPF Use for Disability Benefits

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Background: Currently service credit from the State Employee Retirement System, the State Universities Retirement System, and the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund can be used for disability benefits under TRS. Despite the large number of teachers that have earned credit in the Chicago Teachers Pension Fund (CTPF) their credit cannot be used for disability benefits under TRS.

Comments: Allowing service credit under CTPF to be used to for disability benefits under TRS would help members in two specific areas

1. Members of TRS must be in active service for 3 years in order to qualify for non-occupational disability benefits. This change would assist members in attaining the three years of service credit needed for TRS disability benefits.
2. TRS members on non-occupational disability benefits are allowed to receive benefits for one-quarter of the total amount of service with TRS and the aforementioned systems. This change will allow disabled members with CTPF credit to receive benefits for a longer period of time.